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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been provided to States during last financial year keeping in view their export performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps mooted to involve States to boost exports?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c): Department of Commerce does not provide assistance to the States on the basis of their export performance. However, the State Governments have been provided assistance of Rs. 25.31 Crores under Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme (CIB) and Rs 20 Crores under Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) scheme during the last Financial Year. An Export Development Fund with initial contribution of Rs. 5 crore has also been set up last year for promotion of export related activities in North Eastern Region. Various other steps taken to involve State Governments in export promotion include setting up of Export Processing Zones in the Government and private sector, Export Promotion Industrial Parks, Inland Container Depot and Air Cargo Complexes and Special Economic Zones. The schemes are intended to develop export related infrastructure and are taken up on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments in accordance with laid down criteria. Such assistance is need based and not performance based.